

REMARKS

In response to the Office Action mailed December 14, 2004, wherein the examiner has considered that the present application contains claims to more than one invention and has required an election under 35 U.S.C. 121 between the Group (I) invention directed to claim 19, drawn to longitudinal profile processed by a milling tool; and Group (II) invention directed to claims 20-25, drawn to boards having a tongue and groove joint.

In response to the Restriction Requirement, applicants hereby elect the Group II invention, i.e., Claims 20-25, drawn to boards having a tongue and groove joint and respectfully request that the non-elected subject matter be permitted to remain pending until divisional application(s) can be filed. Claim 19 has been cancelled without disclaimer or prejudice to filing a divisional application(s) to the non-elected subject matter claiming the benefits afforded by 35 U.S.C. §§119, 120 and 121.

Additionally, new claims 26-27 have been added, also drawn to the elected Group II invention, with support being found in the original disclosure at page 1, second full paragraph.

A prompt examination on the merits is requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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